Sept. 14, 1956.

Mr. A. D. Findlay
Kanab, Utah.

Dear Sir:

RE: EAST FORK OF THE
VIRGIN RIVER
DISTRIBUTION

In reply to your letter of September 10, 1956, this is to advise you that this office is not opposed to constructing flood control works, however, it appears from your letter that it is your intent to store water and use on a meadow which water is not part of your 3.77 second-feet and for this reason, I cannot approve the building of a reservoir without more information as to its capacity and as to your right to store and use water therein.

You may not build a reservoir for flood control when it appears that it is your intention to store flash floods, etc. and use on your lands to the detriment of down stream users and it does not appear that you have applied for a right for storage or use of such water.

Until your project is more clearly described, no action will be taken by the State Engineer.

I am returning herewith the map which you enclosed with your letter.

Very truly yours,

Joseph M. Tracy

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STATE ENGINEER

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Map

Kanab, Utah
September 10, 1956

Mr. Joseph M. Tracy
State Engineer
Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Tracy:

I have a bad gully at the lower end of a meadow on my ranch, which is just north and west of Alton, Utah. In order to prevent the head-cut from ruining the meadow, I would like to put in a dam and divert the water around the gully, and take it back into the dame drainage.

In looking it over with an SCS technician, we decided that the best place for the dam was where the gully was about 6 feet deep. Tp put the emergency spillway where there is little or no danger of damage, it will be necessary to go 13 feet above the bottom of the gully. The SCS recommends a 4-foot freeboard, which makes a total height of 17 feet above the bottom of the gully, or 11 feet above the normal ground. Because I cannot hold the water on the meadow for long periods of time without killing it, I want to put an 18-inch culvert through the dam to drain the water off. I will run it around the gully and return it to the same drainage. There is no permanent water in this drainage, above the dam and the only water held back will be that from flash floods and melting snow. The nearest live water in this drainage is about a half mile below the proposed dam. It is on my land, and I have a water right which calls for 3.77 c. f. s.

I have signed up for assistance with the ASC committee, and they tell me that since it is over 10 feet high I should clear it with you. I can get the equiptment to build the dam now, and would like to start as soon as possible, because winter comes early at this elevation. For this reason, I would appreciate a reply as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

A. D. Findlay

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P. S. To help you see the picture more clearly, I am enclosing a drawing prepared by the SCS. It shows the location of the proposed dam and also shows a sketch of the dam itself. If you need any further information, please let me know.

A. D. Findlay